

STATE

✓ CALIFORNIA

COUNTY

Nevada

TOWN OR VICINITY

Grass Valley

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MONUMENT

Mount St. Mary's Academy (St. Joseph's Chapel, right)

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History - Academy erected by voluntary labor of miners under the influence of Father Thomas Dalton, who brought Sisters of Mercy from San Francisco (and from Ireland) 1863. Founded Grass Valley Orphan Asylum 1863 and at same time Mount St. Mary's Academy. Always a girl's Academy and boarding school for pay students, has also served as a school for local day students and girls from St. Vincents Orphanage. Ranks with Mills especially in music, art, and theatre.

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Description - Academy -

Three stories, brick on stone foundations. Solidly constructed with brick walls 2 ft thick with solid stone foundations. Hoods over the large 8-paned double-hung windows on 1st floor; gabled entrance with Doric columns, paneled door, molded wooden railing of 2-stage stairway, quoining at corners of bldg. and entrance. Gable Cupola removed 1931. Roof raised before 1907 to shed snowfall, making double roof. Interior, high ceilings; hardwood trim and paneled folding doors. Community Rm. on east added 1894. Steep rear stairs(replaced)

Chapel- Wood exterior, reinforced with cast iron interior ~~frame~~. Pier buttresses. Pointed Gothic door, at entrance, and windows. Built about 1894 (cornerstone date)

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